



In re Application of:

Yasunari WATANABE

Application No.: 10/685,465

Filed: October 16, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS
HAVING CHARGING MEANS AND
DEVELOPING AGENT CHARGING
MEANS

Docket No. 03560.003381

Confirmation No.: 5454

Examiner: Hoan H. Tran

Group Art Unit: 2852

Date: July 8, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-identified application.

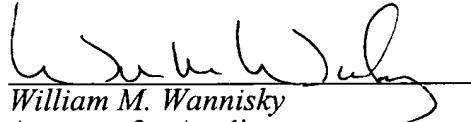
No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 12 | MINUS | 20 | = 0 | x \$25 \$50 | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 2 | MINUS | 3 | = 0 | x \$100 \$200 | \$0.00 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360 | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT--- | | | | | | \$0.00 |

- Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated May 5, 2005, in the above-identified application. The combined Issue and Publication Fees are due on or before August 5, 2005, and have not been paid. Applicant is concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination in lieu of paying the combined fees.

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application.